

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from the Wittstock Troop Training Grounds

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 16 March 1953 25X1

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 8 February, a unit with 10 trucks, each carrying 10 soldiers and towing a mortar, arrived at the troop training grounds. Intensive firing was heard from the place from 8 to 16 February. The unit left the troop training grounds after dusk on 16 February.

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2. From 6 a.m. until 4 p.m. on 14 February, a large column with the following composition drove through Schweinrich and proceeded toward Dossow:

1 jeep [REDACTED] occupied by 4 officers;
 16 trucks [REDACTED]
 and occupied by troops;
 28 tanks [REDACTED]

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tank trucks [REDACTED]
 radio truck [REDACTED] with extended antenna;
 truck [REDACTED] mounting a twin-barreled AA gun;
 truck [REDACTED] towing a 57-mm AT gun;
 trucks [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] transporting troops and carrying all
 types of equipment;
 3 ambulances [REDACTED]
 6 field kitchens [REDACTED]

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ammunition cars [REDACTED]

trucks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] each towing an AT gun;

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4 radio trucks with extended antenna [REDACTED]

5 trucks [REDACTED]

AA gun;

each towing a 76.2-mm

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40 [] trucks, each towing an AT gun;

4 radio trucks with extended antennas []

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11 trucks, each with a 120-mm mortar []

trucks []

each towing⁸ 76.2-mm

AA gun; 4 trucks []

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18 trucks, each towing a 75-mm AT gun []

truck [] towing an artillery piece;

4 trucks, each towing a mortar []

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ammunition car []

trucks []

each towing a field kitchen;

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15 trucks []

2 trucks with AT guns []

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trucks []

each mounting a twin-

-barreled AA gun;

radio truck [] with extended antenna;

ammunition car []

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9 trucks carrying troops []

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5 radio trucks []

with extended antenna;

3 trucks mounting twin-barreled AA guns []

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trucks []

each towing a 120-mm

mortar;

4 trucks []

each towing

an AT gun; []

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trucks []

each towing a 57-mm AT gun;

11 trucks, []

loaded with all

kinds of equipment.²

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1. [] Comment. It is not known whether the mortars were involved only in combat firing practice on the troop training grounds or whether they participated in field exercises of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps that extended as far as the area just west of the troop training grounds.

2. [] Comment. As to the movement of the columns observed, the following can be said: units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps, supported by elements of the IV Arty Corps as well as headquarters units of the Third Shock Army, conducted winter exercises in the Schwerin-Wittstock area from 10 to 14 February, with the final phase of the exercise extending as far as just west of the Wittstock troop training grounds. Units of the 9th Gds Tank Div, supported by elements of the 31st AAA Div and of the 2d Light Arty Brig [] held field exercises north of Neuruppin from 12 to 15 February, with the exercises extending as far as the area of the Wittstock troop training grounds. The fact that the two training areas are so closely together presumably resulted in coincident motor vehicle movements which, however, do not indicate that both groups held joint practices.

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